



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Stomach cancer, also known as gastric cancer, affects the upper part of the digestive system where digestion occurs. Stomach cancer is the fifth most common type of cancer and causes the third most deaths related to cancer; and
- WHEREAS: More than 95,000 Americans are affected by stomach cancer and one million new cases are diagnosed globally every year; and
- WHEREAS: According to estimates by the American Cancer Society, approximately 26,240 new cases of stomach cancer will be diagnosed and 10,800 individuals will die from this type of cancer in 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 80 percent of all stomach cancers are diagnosed at stage 4 and the 5-year survival rate is only 31 percent, one of the lowest survival rates of any cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach cancer primarily affects older adults and the average age of diagnosis is 69. Each year, roughly six of every ten individuals diagnosed with stomach cancer are over the age of 64; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations and institutions such as No Stomach for Cancer and the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University are committed to providing support and education to those affected by stomach cancer as well as their families and caregivers. Through greater awareness and further research efforts, a cure may one day be possible; and
- WHEREAS: Stomach Cancer Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of the condition to expand treatment options and provide those affected by stomach cancer with a better quality of life. During this month, local communities are encouraged to support both individuals battling stomach cancer and those who have lost loved ones to the disease; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as STOMACH CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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